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TO AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: MPOL, NATO, NO, UR, US, IC

SUBJECT: SUPPOSED GAO REPORT ON NORTHERN DEFENSE

REFS: (A) OSLO 3362 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 154105; (C)  
STATE 155428

1. FOR OSLO: WE HAVE CHECKED THOROUGHLY WITH PENTAGON  
AND GAO AND ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY SUCH REPORT DONE BY  
GAO. WHAT MORGENBLADET MUST BE REFERRING TO (OSLO 3362) IS  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE STUDY FOR WHICH GUIDANCE  
CONTAINED STATE 154105 REMAINS VALID.

2. FOR OSLO AND REYKJAVIK: NEW YORK TIMES JULY 25 CARRIED  
ARTICLE BY DREW MIDDLETON ENTITLED "US STUDY CALLS  
EARLY-WARNING SYSTEM IN ICELAND OBSOLESCE". ARTICLE  
DISCUSSES THIS SAME JUNE 1977 CBO REPORT. ARTICLE ALSO  
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REFERS TO A GAO STUDY. THIS LATTER STUDY WAS COMPLETED  
APRIL 29, 1977, IS CLASSIFIED SECRET, AND IS ON  
SUBMARINES AND CARRIERS IN GENERAL; IT IS NOT DIRECTLY  
AIMED AT NORTHERN DEFENSE QUESTION AND APPARENTLY HAS  
NOTHING TO DO WITH MORGANBLADET'S JULY 21 STORY. WE ARE  
ISSUING "IF ASKED" PRESS GUIDANCE ON THIS ARTICLE, DRAWN  
DIRECTLY FROM GUIDANCE IN STATE 154105 WITH ADDITION THAT

QUESTIONS INVOLVING DETAILED ASPECTS OF OUR DEFENSE SYSTEMS

SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PENTAGON. COPIES OF MIDDLETON  
ARTICLE HAVE BEEN AIRMAILED TO ADDRESSEES. VANCE

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